The recommendations have been accepted and sent to the State Governments and the Industry for appropriate action.

(iv) The National Institute of Rock Mechanics was enjoined to act as convenor for the 'Central Agency' for research and development of granite resources.

Plan to disinvest Neyveli Lignite Corporation Limited

2532. SHRIMATI S. G. INDIRA: Will the Minister of COAL AND MINES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have decided to disinvest Neyveli Lignite Corporation Limited, a public sector limited;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether Government is aware of strong resentment over the reported move; and

(d) if so, the reaction of the Government thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COAL AND MINES (SHRI RAVI SHANKAR PRASAD): (a) and (b) The Disinvestment Commission in its XIII Report (January, 2002) has made certain recommendations regarding Neyveli Lignite Corporation Limited. The views of the Department of Coal on these recommendations have been communicated to the Ministry of Disinvestment.

(c) and (d) In protest against the recommendations of the Disinvestment Commission, Trade Unions and Associations representing workmen, supervisors and executives had resorted to various forms of agitations from 3rd March, 2002 culminating in a token strike from 10 p.m. on 18.3.2002 to 10 p.m. on 20th March, 2002.